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Dear Mr. Maruca:

This is in response to your letter of February 18, 2002 requesting that the five-year clock start date for the New Mexico Family Planning waiver be changed from the original approval date (August 1, 1997) to the actual implementation date of July 1, 1998. This change would mean that the five-year project span would end on June 30, 2003, rather than July 31, 2002. As you state in your request, these additional eleven months will enable New Mexico to successfully complete the full five-year term of the demonstration.

We agree that our intention for granting the approval of the initial request was for a five-year period to begin with the implementation of the demonstration. Like yourselves, we did not anticipate a delay in implementation. Therefore, we are clarifying that the initial five-year approval begins July 1, 1998 and will end on June 30, 2003.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Dan McCarthy, Division of Integrated Health Systems, CMS Central Office at (410) 786-2079.

Sincerely,

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